दिल्ली में जहरीली गैस का रिसाव

4708. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजधानी के अति विशिष्ट व्यक्तियों की रिहायश वाले क्षेत्रों और इसके इर्द-गिर्द जिसमें प्रधानमंत्री का आवास भी स्थित है, में हाल में जहरीली गैस के रिसाव के कारण दहशत फैल गई थी ;

(ख) क्या गैस के रिसाव से इन क्षेत्रों में रहने वाले लोगों को कोई हानि भी हुई है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस अति महत्वपूर्ण और संवेदनशील क्षेत्र में जहरीली गैस के रिसाव के कारणों और स्रोतों का पता लगाने के लिए तथा इस सम्बन्ध में जिम्मेदारी के निर्धारण के लिए कोई त्वरित कार्रवाई की है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में की गई कार्रवाई का ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और क्या यह मान लिया जाए कि राजधानी अभी भी पूर्णतः असुरक्षित है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० एम० सईद) : (क) और (ख) दिल्ली पुलिस ने सूचित किया है कि चाणक्यपुरी के मालचा मार्ग बाजार क्षेत्र में तथा रेस कोर्स रोड के आस-पास के इलाके में दिनांक 1-3-1994 को गैस रिसने की शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई थीं । समस्या पर कुछ ही घंटों में काबू पा लिया गया था। रिसाव के कारण क्षेत्र में अस्थाई रूप से खलबली मच गई थी। रिसाव से किसी प्रकार की दहशत नहीं फैली थी।

(ग) और (घ) जी हां, श्रीमान्। दिल्ली पुलिस गैस रिसाव के कारण/मूल स्रोत का पता लगाने के लिए सक्रिय रूप से जांच-पड़ताल कर रही है। राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र, दिल्ली की सरकार के पास रासायनिक विनाशों से निपटने के लिए पहले ही एक आपात योजना है।

Construction of mazars on acquired land in Ayodhya

4709. (SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL ,: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the alleged construction of two mazars on the acquired land in Ayodhya in July, 1993;

(b) if so, whether any action ha!s so far been taken against the persons/organisations reportedly involved in the construction of said mazars; and

(c) if not, whether Central Government propose to advise the U.P. Government in the matter to ensure that no such attempt is made in future for such illegal construction ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (c) According to the report received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, information was received by the local police on 14 July, 1993 about an attempt being made by some local persons to reconstruct two mazors in the acquired area at Ayodhya. The local administration intervened promptly and stopped the work. A platoon of PAC was also deployed at the site. The State Government had been advised to maintain strict and continuous surveillance in the area.

Cheating of Foreign Tourists

4710. SHRI MATANG SINH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some cases of cheating and looting of foreign tourists have been reported in Delhi during the last six, months;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of persons arrested in this connection and the action taken against them; and

(d) the 'steps taken to check such cases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) to (c) The Delhi Police have reported that four incidents of cheating and looting of foreign tourists were reported in Delhi during the last six months i.e. from 1st October, 1993 to 31st March, 1994. For criminal cases were registered at police stations Karol Bagh, I.G.I. Airport, Pahar Ganj and Desh Ban-dhu Gupta Road respectively. Three persons have already been arrested in these cases.

(d) The steps taken to check such crimes include intensification of patrolling; stationing of pickets at selected places; checking of hotels and guest houses; recording of registration number and name of TSR drivers who carry passengers at various pickets; providing of information and guidance to tourists, etc.

Increase in smuggling of illegal arms

4711. SHRI MATANG SINH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any increase in the smuggling of illegal arms into the country in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any study in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the effective steps being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (e) There are no reports indicating increase in the smuggling of illegal arms into the country in the recent past. After the Bombay bomb blast incidents and subsequent revelations that sizeable quantities of arms, ammunitions and explosives were smuggled into the country, a number of steps were taken by the Central and State Governments to j effectively counter the smuggling activities. Government have asked the State Governments to appoint nodal officers for coordinating all action's for carrying out reinforced surveillance, especially along the coast. Appropriate instructions have also been issued to the Navy, Coast Guards and Customs for carrying out intensive patrolling on the high seas as well as along the coast-line. The outcome of these efforts is being regularly monitored.

Revision of validity period of tourist visas

4712. SHRI MOHD. MASUD KHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Home Affairs vide their circular No. 25022/13/90-F-I dated the 22nd April, 1991 have revised the validity period of tourist visa and other short term visa's to 180 days; and this was conveyed to all the Superintendents of Police and Check Post Offices of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for stay beyond 180 days on tourist visa by one foreigner lady in Urai, district Jalaun; and

(c) what are the reasons for not send-ing her back to her own country even after receiving complaints to that effect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir. The validity of all short term visas including Tourist Visa was eahanced to 180 days and all the State Governments/UT administ ration /Foreigners Regional Registration Officers were informed that the request for extension of stay from foreigners holding Tourist Visas upto a period of 180 days may not be accepted. However, in certain exceptional cases, extension of stay even of short term Tourist Visa is granted by the Ministry of Home Affairs.